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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**U.S. PATENT APPLICATION FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §111**

Honorable Sir:

This is a national application filed as a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 365(c) of co-pending International Application No. PCT/EP99/04577, filed July 2, 1999, for an invention entitled:

**Bristle for a Toothbrush, Particularly for an Electric Toothbrush, and Method for its Manufacture**

by the following inventors:

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We enclose the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with this patent application under 35 U.S.C. §111:

1. Original Specification in German including:

- 11 Pages of German-language Specification;
- 3 Pages of Claims;
- 1 Page of Abstract; and
- 4 Sheets of Drawings.

2. An English translation of the Specification including:

- 13 Pages of Description;
- 4 Pages of Claims (numbered 1-23);
- 1 Page of Abstract; and
- 4 Sheets of Formal Drawings.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE (37 CFR 1.10)

I hereby certify that this Continuation Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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3. Four (4) sheets of Formal Drawings.

4. Under 35 USC §119, this application claims the benefit of a foreign priority application filed in Germany, serial number 198 41 974.0, filed September 14, 1998. A certified copy of the German priority application is supplied herewith.

5. A First Preliminary Amendment (3 pages) presenting claims 1-23.

6. An Information Disclosure Statement including:

2 Page(s) of IDS

1 Page(s) of Form PTO-1449; and

17 Citation(s).

7. A Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors (4 pages) is submitted herewith.

8. An Assignment of the invention to Braun GmbH and Recordation Form Cover Sheet will be filed in due course.

10. Fee calculation (calculated based on the Preliminary Amendment):

(a) Basic filing fee (\$710) \$ 710

(b) Claims in excess of 20 ((23-20)= 3 @ \$18 each) \$ 54

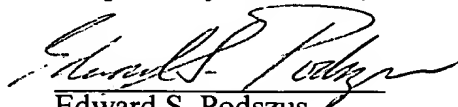
(c) Independent claim in excess of 3((-3)= @ \$80ea) \$       

Total Fees \$ 764

11. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$ 764, plus any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-1350. A **duplicate** copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Please inform the undersigned by telephone immediately if any of the above-indicated documents do not arrive. Please address all communications, and assign a serial number and filing date to this application and send an official filing receipt to Applicants' attorney at the below address:

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DECLARATION

I, Birgit Hubatsch, of Elisabethenstr. 33a, D-64390 Erzhausen, Federal Republic of Germany, do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I am well acquainted with both the English and German languages, and
2. That the attached English text is a true and correct translation made by me to the best of my knowledge and belief of:

The specification accompanying the International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/04577.

Signed this 6th day of December 2000



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Birgit Hubatsch", written over a horizontal line.

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Sworn Translator